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TYLER MAN GUILTY OF BANK ROBBERY

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 25-year-old Tyler man has pleaded guilty to robbing a credit union in the Eastern District of Texas. **RAFAEL ZACHARY LEOS** pleaded guilty to bank robbery before United States Magistrate Judge John Love today.

According to information presented in court, Leos entered the Kelly Federal Credit Union in Tyler on July 15, 2002, with a pellet-type gun that appeared to be a semi-automatic weapon. Leos robbed the credit union and then fled, spilling some of the proceeds in the parking lot as he entered his getaway car. Leos was indicted for bank robbery in May 2006.

Leos faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.00 at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Tyler Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Middleton.

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